

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 96-232-W - ORDER NO. 97-393  
MAY 12, 1997

IN RE: Concerned Citizens Against	)	
Carolina Water, Inc.,	)	
Complainant,	)	ORDER INSTRUCTING
	)	STAFF TO INSTITUTE
vs.	)	PROCEEDINGS TO
	)	ENFORCE COMPLIANCE
Carolina Water Service, Inc.	)	WITH COMMISSION
Respondent.	)	ORDER NO. 97-38
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") by way of a review by the Commission to ascertain the compliance of Carolina Water Service, Inc. ("CWS" or "Company") with certain Commission Orders issued in this Docket.

By Commission Order No. 97-38, dated January 8, 1997, the Commission directed CWS "to interconnect with the City of West Columbia through a four or six inch tap as soon as possible so as to provide a better quality of water to the CWS customers." The Commission realizes that the dry summer months are approaching and is interested and concerned about CWS's progress in complying with the order to interconnect through a four or six inch tap with the City of West Columbia.

At the Commission meeting held on April 29, 1997, the Commission inquired about the status of CWS's compliance with the interconnect directive. At the April 29 Commission meeting, the

Commission voted to allow CWS to interconnect with any entity for the purchase of surface water with at least a four inch tap as long as the quantity and quality of the water source was equal to or greater than the water which would be provided by the City of West Columbia. The Commission further stated that any agreement for the provision of surface water to which CWS may enter into or which CWS may contract for is subject to Commission approval. Additionally, the Commission voted to require CWS to advise the Commission, in writing and within ten (10) days of receipt of the Order, of how CWS intends to comply with the Commission order which required the four or six inch interconnect.<sup>1</sup>

At the Commission meeting held on May 6, 1997, the Commission voted to reconsider the vote taken on April 29, 1997. The Commission then voted to rescind the April 29, 1997, vote which allowed CWS to interconnect with any entity for the purchase of surface water and which required CWS to inform the Commission of how CWS planned to comply with the Commission's directive to interconnect with a four or six inch tap. The Commission then voted and instructed Staff to use whatever means necessary to enforce compliance with the Commission ordered four or six inch interconnection as required by Order No. 97-38, dated January 8, 1997.

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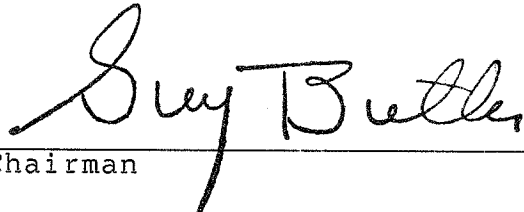
1. An Order for the April 29, 1997, vote was not issued as Staff was instructed to put the matter on the agenda of the meeting scheduled for May 6, 1997, for reconsideration.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

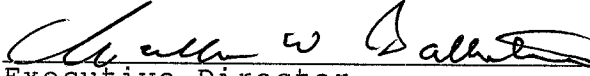
1. Staff shall institute such action as necessary to enforce the requirement contained in Order No. 97-38 (dated January 8, 1997) which directed CWS to interconnect with the City of West Columbia through either a four or six inch tap and subject to the same conditions as provided in Order No. 97-38.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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